

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2019 PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF OUR PARISH – YEAR C

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – BEING THE GOOD NEWS BY PROMOTING GOD'S HOSPITALITY

This week's readings: 2 Tim 4:10-17; 2 Tm 3:14 - 4:2; Gospel Luke 10:1-9

PATRONAL REFLECTION

Our focus for 2019 as it is the Year of Luke - *Be the Good News by Promoting God's Hospitality*

Luke portrays the life and ministry of Jesus as a "divine visitation" to the world, seeking hospitality. The One who comes as visitor and guest becomes host and offers a hospitality in which the entire world can become truly human, be at home, and know salvation in the depths of their hearts. The Hospitality of God approaches Luke's Gospel through the interpretive key of "hospitality." It looks at the Gospel as a whole, yet lingers upon scenes where the theme of "hospitality" is particularly prominent, such as the infancy stories, Jesus at Nazareth, Jesus in the house of Simon, the Good Samaritan, Martha and Mary, the banquet in 14:1-35, the Prodigal Son, Jesus' visit to the tax collector Zacchaeus, the institution of the Eucharist, and the Emmaus event. Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, in his book "The Hospitality of God", stresses that those in Luke's Gospel who readily offer hospitality - chiefly the marginalized and the poor - find themselves drawn into a much deeper sphere of hospitality, the hospitality of God. Those who have difficulty sharing are challenged by Jesus to conversion so that they, too, may not be left out of the banquet of life to which God calls all human beings. Luke's Gospel, ever interested in the process of human transformation, explores this resistance to God's gift and the ways in which individuals need to be converted if they are to come to "knowledge of salvation." Luke's Gospel is written out of faith in the risen Lord. Its primary intent is to bring people of all subsequent Christian generations into saving encounter with the Lord who was raised from the dead and lives among us in the power of the Spirit. Reading and hearing the Gospel in faith allows individuals and communities to access the hospitality of God brought by Jesus.

Our Parish Discernment Gathering to prepare to recommission our Parish Pastoral Council or Parish Stewardship Committee was held last Sunday afternoon in our Parish Hall. Thankyou to all the Parishioners who attended. We worked together during that time to come to a deeper awareness of the importance of this initiative for all Parishioners and the Parish in general, the local Church; finding our personal & communal faith voice to be the Good News in the cacophony of conflicting conversations these days, while at the same time promoting God's hospitality.

Darren Mclean, current chair, welcomed us and provided the context for our gathering. **Fr Gerard** led us in an extended Prayer exercise to ask God to connect with us, personally and communally, so that we were better equipped to know how to proceed. **Mike Yore** offered an in-depth analysis of the 'why's and wherefores' of Parish Pastoral Councils today, built on the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council. **Margaret Gearon** outlined the Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines for a community living the Good News through hospitality and outreach.

This weekend we celebrate our Patronal Feast as a way of coming together as a Parish Community: to acknowledge our diversity (Our Parish's Plenary Council 2020 reply), our strengths, what we do well (Lent 2019), what else can we do & what we can do better (Pentecost 2019), who is prepared to do it (current discernment – what service are you being asked to give to this Community) and what we want to do together, to get us to where we want to go ... (OUR Parish Pastoral Plan)

Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Response to the Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

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Catholic Parish
Blackburn South**
Being the Good News ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Rev Father Gerard
Parish Priest**

Sonya O'Farrell
Part-time Parish Secretary
**Wednesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays**
10.00am - 2.00pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:

Tues @ 11.00am
Weds. - Sat. @ 9:00am

Rosary prayed after Weekday Mass
times as listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed
for Adoration Wednesday
Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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**Prayer to Saint Luke
the Evangelist**

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to
reveal by his preaching and writings the
mystery of your love for the poor, grant
that those who already glory in your
name may persevere as one heart and
one soul and that all nations may merit
to see your salvation. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians,
surgeons, students and butchers.*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick, especially Gerald Chia, Bernardine O'Meara, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve, Vicki Bowes, Jim Maguire, Nadia Tarquino, Jim Grant, Elaine Chapman and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially John Andrews, Mary Corbett, Brian Gardiner, Wally Carson and Bill Side, R.I.P. (*When organising a Memorial Mass for a deceased person there are Envelopes on the Notice table in our Church foyer that can be used. Please print their name legibly on the outside, indicating the type of anniversary and enclose a donation; ACBC minimum recommendation is \$20. These Envelopes can then be left at the Parish Office.*)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Tuesday:** St John Paul II, pope; **Wednesday:** St John Capistrano, priest; **Thursday:** St Anthony Claret, bishop; **Saturday:** Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Apostles II. Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

CHILDREN LITURGY next week at the 10.30am Sunday Mass now that School has resumed.

YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS finished school this week and now get ready for their exams. The work they have done this year and preceding years will hopefully provide them with the confidence to sit their Year 12 exams and be ready for whatever comes next in their young lives. We'll all be praying that you'll continue to do your best.

A DEFINITION OF DISCERNMENT: Christian spiritual discernment can be separated from other types of discernment because every decision is to be made in accordance with God's will. The fundamental definition for Christian discernment is a decision making process in which an individual makes a discovery that can lead to future action. In the process of Christian spiritual discernment God guides the individual to help them arrive at the best decision. The way to arrive at the best decision in Christian spiritual discernment is to seek out internal and external signs of God's action and then apply them to the decision at hand. Christian Discernment also has an emphasis on Jesus, and making decisions that align with those of Jesus within the New Testament. The focus on God and Jesus when making decisions is what separates Christian discernment from secular discernment. *St. Ignatius of Loyola is often regarded as the master of the discernment of spirits. Ignatian discernment comes from Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) when he created his own unique way of Catholic discernment. Ignatian discernment uses a series of Spiritual Exercises for discerning life choices and focuses on noticing God in all aspects of life. The Spiritual Exercises are designed to help people & communities who are facing a major life decision. There are seven steps of discernment to be followed that include identifying the issue, taking time to pray about the choice, making a wholehearted decision, discussing the choice with a mentor and then finally trusting the decision made. While Ignatius was a religious man his discernment process can be applied to anyone independent of religion. This practice has been around a looong time ...*

A VOCATION VIEW: Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2) It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

THE 6PM SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR will serve on Saturday 26th October.

ANNUAL MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL will be taken up next weekend at all Masses.

DISCERNING WHO THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE)

WILL BE + FIVE EX OFFICIO (by virtue of one's position or status) = **12 PARISHIONERS IN TOTAL:** The Steering Committee is Darren McLean, Margaret Gearon, Fr Gerard and Mike Yore. They can be contacted via the details on the left & right hand sides of this Weekly Bulletin or via the Parish Office if you are wanting to put yourself forward for one of these position on our next Parish Pastoral Council.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH FEAST DAY occurs this Sunday 20th October. We will have our usual 10.30am morning Mass then a Parish BBQ lunch to follow. **PLEASE B.Y.O.** all Drinks & Glasses or Plastic Cups. Mrs. **Liz Sullivan**, our new Parish Primary School Principal, will be coming too. All Parishioners are invited. (*Our format is changing due to the prohibitive and escalating costs of how it was done in the past*). A Jumping Castle will be available for all the chronologically Young Parishioners present. **Thankyou to all Parishioners** who have assisted in any way to organise, execute and/or tidy up this year. **Special thanks** to our Parish Secretary, Sonya, for all her time, talent and energy.

WHAT IS THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH? In 2019, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis announced that October will be an Extraordinary Missionary Month. He encourages us to live out joyfully our responsibility for the world. To honour the extraordinary nature of this celebration, **Catholic Mission** has planned some events to engage as wide an audience as possible. **The Theme:** For the Extraordinary Missionary Month, the Holy Father has chosen the theme **'Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World'**. Awakening the awareness of the *missio ad gentes*, and reinvigorating the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in *Maximum Illud* with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: "Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church" (EG 15). **How to Live Your Own Extraordinary Missionary Month:** There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019: **1.** A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer; **2.** Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world; **3.** Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological; **4.** Missionary charity. (*Please take flier from Church Foyer notice table*).

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

19 AND 20 OCT 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Lorraine Kermond
Melina Barcellona
Lynda Kilroe-Smith

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

Olive Hammill
Megan McLean
Jenny Dixon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

19 AND 20 OCT 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Bernie Brennan
Godfrey Thong
Mike Yore

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

Mia Perang
Rosemary Donaldson
Marg Yore

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

19 AND 20 OCT 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Rita Gibb
Joe Brogno
Pamela & Michael

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

Terry Wells
Marie Pekish
Leigh Kelly

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

19 AND 20 OCT 2019

Tony Lobo
Anthony Fernandez
Manny Gonzalez

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

Choir
Liliana Poropat
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

19 OCT 2019
Joan McHugh
26 OCT 2019
Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

26 OCT 2019

Team 2 (Monica's Team)
Monica Hodder, Marie Parker,
Filomena Manley, Beryl
Kanagalinggam & William Stephens

MAINTENANCE

26 OCTOBER 2019

Team 4
Frank Melville, Rodney Caple
& Danny Nolan

THE HOUSE OF BOOKS – ST JOHN'S PARISH, MITCHAM: The House of Books is a long-standing fundraising activity of St John's Parish. It is a second hand bookshop run entirely by volunteers which sells donated books. All the proceeds from the shop go to support the St John's Parish community and St Vincent de Paul in particular. The shop stocks an ever-changing variety of good quality pre-loved books on all subjects and types for all ages, including a great range of children's books. Books are generally priced between \$1 and \$5. The House of Books also sells DVDs and CDs. The shop is located at 508 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham right next door to St John's Church. Hours: Monday to Friday 10am-4pm; Saturday 10am-1pm. Phone: 9874 2389 Closed Public Holidays and the month of January.

2019 WHITEHORSE SENIORS FESTIVAL has begun. More details can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Seniors-Festival.html Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY'S 23 POLICE ROAD MULGRAVE FETE is on the 26th of October 2019. Please see Poster on our Parish noticeboard for more details.

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION: New Courses now available and information is on our Parish Church noticeboards.

THIS WEEK ON THE JOURNEY: We have sensational chats with Marilyn Rodrigues, the Peaceful Parent as well as enlightening wisdom from Mother Hilda Scott. Our reflection on the Gospel from Fr Mike blesses the show with grace and light. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email.

SR. NICOLE ROTARU RSM will be providing a program called "Soothing the Wounds of Trauma". It will cover the following: #An understanding of Trauma #The impact of Trauma. #Mindfulness exercises and exercises to unblock trauma stored in our bodies #'Waking up' physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively and spiritually. When: 21st-25th October 2019. Where: Family Care Sisters, Croydon Cost: Residential: \$300 Day attendance \$140 (9.45am-12.30pm; 4-5pm) Bookings:03 9723 6797 or resthome.familycaresrs@bigpond.com

MEN'S RETREAT: It's back! You're invited to a retreat run by the Men's Prayer Group at St Benedict's Parish, Burwood. 7pm Fri 25 to Sun 27 October 2019 at St Paul's Missionary College Retreat Centre in Wantirna. Fr Bruno Carrera will lead us on the theme **To Whom Shall We Go?** Accommodation, meals, retreat all included for \$190! Places are limited, so to register, email Tony on t.collier3124@gmail.com 0456 732 782 or Michael on michaelpballek@gmail.com 0433 196 549.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB invites Catholics in 28 to 60 age group to its' next Social. Saturday 26th October starting at 8.00pm. Location: Benedict House 301 Warrigal Road Burwood, cost \$13 includes lucky door prizes and supper. More details on our Parish Church noticeboard.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Next weekend date in Victoria: 15-17 November 2019. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.** Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

Parish Groups & Contacts

by ... Promoting God's Hospitality

Lectors, Welcomers, Collectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, & Rosters

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Nina Grieve - 9877 4023

Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

Stewardship Counters

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

Pastoral Council & Child Safety Officer

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

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Whitehorse Deanery

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Bernard Negline

Parish Accountant

Hall Hire

Sonya O'Farrell @ the

Parish Office - 9877 2292

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Judy Noy - 9894 1506

Church Sacristan

Greg Grant - 0401 644 474

Church Linen

Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers

Megan McLean - 0419 347 693

Parish Garden Maintenance

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

Holy Communion to the housebound

Emmaus College

Education Board Parish Reps

Maureen Mac Mahon &

Bernard O'Malley

Parish & School Choirs

Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi

0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

9877 4023

Parish and School Fete Committee

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

Parish School Education Advisory Board

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

Parish School Parents' Association

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact: Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Luke was born in Syria and trained as a physician. He was also one of the most extensive writers of the New Testament. In addition to his gospels, he also wrote the 'Acts of the Apostles.'

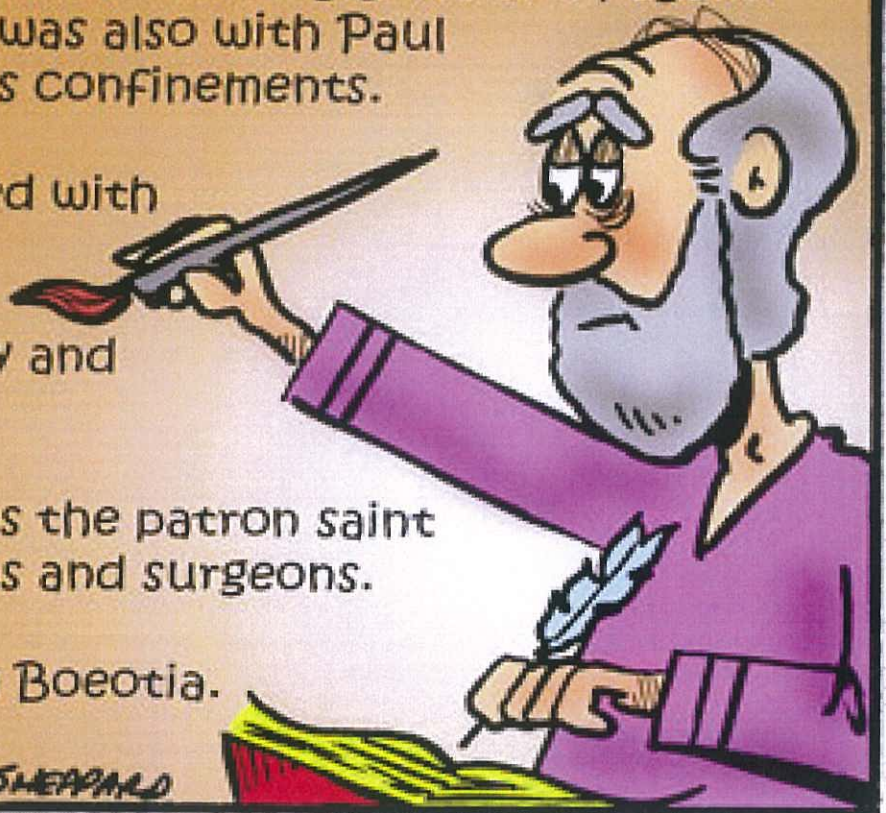
He was one of 'the seventy' and worked with St. Paul, traveling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements.

Luke is also credited with being a prolific painter, creating many works of Mary and Jesus.

St. Luke is known as the patron saint of artists, physicians and surgeons.

He died at age 84 in Boeotia.

SHEPPARD



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PATRONAL REFLECTION CONTINUED ...

Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He is the one who tells the story of **Lazarus and the Rich Man** who ignored him. Luke is the one who uses "**Blessed are the poor**" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes. **Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat** where she proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53).

Luke also has a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the **Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth** including the Magnificat, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. **It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary:** "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to Luke. **Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son** welcomed back by the overjoyed father. **Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman** disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy.